

SUPPLEMENT TO THE 'EYANPAHA.'

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SILVER JUBILEE OF REV. BERNARD STRASSMAIER, O. S. B. FORT YATES. N. D.

On Tuesday, June 20, Rev. Bernard Strassmaier, O. S. B., Superior of the Standing Rock Indian Mission, residing at Fort Yates, N. D. celebrated the 25th anniversary or Silver Jubilee of his first Mass and ordination to the priesthood, which was for him also at the same time the Silver Jubilee of his missionary life among the Sioux Indians, as he was sent from his monastery, the Benedictine Abbey at Conception Missouri, to the Dakotas shortly after his ordination, in the year 1886. Fr. Bernard's missionary labors were however not confined to the Indians' country, but extended over the counties of Campbell, Walworth and McPherson in South Dakota and Emmons, McIntosh and Logan counties in North Dakota all on the eastside of the Missouri River, whilst the Standing Rock reservation is situated on the west side. Most of the parishes and missions of the above named counties owe their foundation directly or indirectly to Fr. Bernard and his fellow-missionaries among the Indians.

During the week, beginning with Monday, June 19, Ft. Yates was a scene of many social and impressive church events. Invitations had been extended to all the friends of Father Bernard to be present at the jubilee exercises to be held on Tuesday, June 20th, that being the date of his first Mass 25 years ago. The guests arrived on Monday, and in the evening they attended an excellent entertainment given by the pupils of the large Indian Boarding School at the Agency in honor of the jubilarian—The parents of the children, all residents of the Agency, the visiting friends, Sisters and priests and the Rt. Rev. Bishop Vincent Wehrle of Bismarck, N. D. were present at these exercises. The program was well selected, and the ability of the scholars was well demonstrated by the various exhibitions of their

accomplishments in vocal and instrumental music, drills, recitations and dialogues. They gave certainly a very pleasing and interesting entertainment which reflected great credit on the painstaking care and instruction and training given them by Supt. E. C. Witzleben and the Benedictine Sisters and the civil service teachers and employees connected with the school.

Tuesday Morning the Rt. Rev. Bishop Wehrle, who honored the occasion by his presence, was accompanied to the church by the clergy and the people and children.

Fr. Bernard celebrated Solemn High Mass in presence of the Bishop, assisted by Rev. Joseph Schell of Herreid, S. D. as assistant Priest, Rev. Clemens Dimpfl, O. S. B. of Mandan, N. D. as Deacon, Rev. Nicolas Dahlmanns, of Aberdeen, S. D. as Subdeacon, and Rev. Francis Gerschwyler, O. S. B. of Shields, N. D. as master of ceremonies. Revs. John Frei, of Lemmon, S. D. and Martin Kenel, O. S. B. of Bismarck, N. D. assisted the Bishop at the throne. Rev. Ambrose Bucher, O. S. B. of Fort Yates, presided at the organ and directed the choir, and had also charge of most of the exterior preparations and arrangements of the celebration. Rev. Bede Marty, O. S. B. of St. Benedict's Mission, S. D. was in charge of those to be confirmed—children and adults—to the number of (90) ninety.

Fr. Martin preached in Sioux and English on the high significance of the Silver Jubilee of a priest and the priestly and missionary work done within that period.

The Bishop had also the kindness to address the people with a few remarks, in which he very fittingly described the character and the faithful work of Fr. Bernard as a true priest according to the heart of God. After Mass the Sacrament of confirmation was administered and a full instruction given on the nature and effects of that Sacrament. Regardless of the intense heat the spacious church was crowd-

ed to the doors. The church had been newly decorated and painted, and presented a very pleasing appearance. After Confirmation a solemn procession was formed to the cemetery, where the Bishop blessed the crucifixion group which has recently been placed at the entrance to the cemetery. This group of statuary is a beautiful and impressive sight, and typifies the spirit of progressiveness which has always been displayed by Fr. Bernard. It is valued at \$350.00. This Catholic cemetery at Fort Yates is well kept and is a beautiful and inviting place.

Fr. Bernard has labored hard and has spent much money to make the cemetery a beautiful spot—as he also takes special pride in having the church and priesthouse and all the mission buildings in and outside of Fort Yates in good condition.

At dinner a purse of \$60.00 was presented to the Jubilarian by Fr. Dahlmanns in the name of the priests and the Bishop. Fr. Dahlmanns gave expression in well chosen words what pleasure and encouragement it always gave him in the past, whenever he met Fr. Bernard on their missionary trips, when both were doing pioneer work in this new country. A beautifully worked Stola and Bursa were offered to Fr. Bernard by the Sisters as a faithful and grateful acknowledgment for his untiring efforts in their behalf. Ven. Sister Seraphim, M. Superior, and all the Sisters are deserving of the best thanks of all, for entertaining the guests and doing all in their power to make the celebration a success.

Also the visiting Sisters from Bismarck presented some beautiful and useful pieces of work for the occasion.

In the afternoon a meeting of the Catholic Foresters in charge of their founder and organizer & chief Ranger, Louis Endres and of the members of St. Joseph's and St. Mary's Societies and other Catholic Societies was held in the Societies' meeting house at which time a purse of \$468.32 was presented to Fr. Bernard.

This represented the donations of residents of the reservation irrespective of church affiliations, nationality and color. Speeches were held by Major Carignan, Louis Endres, Chief John Grass, Standing Soldier and others. Addresses were also made by Bishop Wehrle, Fathers Bernard, Dahlmanns and Ambrose. Later in the day the visiting Sisters Eustachia and Marietta of the Bimarck St. Alexius Hospital, and Apollonia, Amata, and Sylvia of the Bismarck St. Mary's Parochial School and Fathers Clemens of Mandan and Martin of Bismarck were entertained at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Goodrich. They were assisted by Mrs. A. D. Anderson of Bismarck, who also helped in various ways to make the jubilee celebration successful. It was a great enjoyable day for everybody.

On Friday evening, June 23d, the residents of the Agency met in social conclave at the Agency hall to extend to Fr. Bernard a special expression of their high esteem and regard for him. The following excellent program of speeches, music and recitations was rendered.—

Address—Rev Father Martin Kenel, O. S. B.

Music (piano) Mrs. and Miss Endres.

Address: Supt. E. C. Witzleben. Jubilee Greetings—Master Henry Goodrich.

Violin and Piano: Miss L. Fiske and Mr. Fiske.

Recitation: Miss Hermina Witzleben.

Address: Major J. Hamilton, U. S. Indian Agent.

Piano Solo; Miss Jean Witzleben

Address: Rev. Father Ambrose, O. S. B.

Address: Rev. Father Bernard O. S. B.

Grand finale chorus, all sweet singers participating.

Letters of congratulation were read from Mgr. D. Falconio, Apostolic Delegate at Washington, D. C., who sent to the Jubilarian his special blessing—other letters were from Rev. Wm. H. Ketcham, Director of the Catholic Bureau of Indian Missions, Washington, D. C. also one from Col. Jas. McLaughlin, U. S. Indian Agent. Mrs. Cramsie, wife of one of our former Agents, Major W. J. Cramsie of St Paul, Minn., had also written a most

beautiful and encouraging letter testifying to Fr. Bernard's unselfish sacrificial life for the benefit of the Indians and Whites entrusted to his pastoral care during the period of a quarter of a century.

During the evening, towards the close of the reception, Fr. Bernard was presented with a handsome silver chalice, the gift of Mrs. James McLaughlin, and a life sized portrait of himself from Mr. Frank R. Fiske, the popular artist and photographer.

The utmost harmony prevailed, and many expressions of good will were exchanged between the missionaries and the representatives of the Government. The speakers of the evening voiced in convincing words the love and respect which all reservation people hold for Fr. Bernard. They told of the trials and sacrifices which were made by him during the twenty five (25) years of his work and of his benevolent and truly Christian spirit that has been exemplified in his daily life and of the pure and worthy example that he has continuously set the people. Father Bernard's address was both eloquent and simple, and he expressed his gratitude in a way which left no room for doubt in the minds of his hearers as to his sincerity. The hall was decorated with boughs of trees and numerous plants and much furniture, and was well lighted with gas lights, and perhaps never presented a more pleasing aspect before. The Committee on decoration deserves great credit for their efforts. They were Messrs. Davidson and Driscoll, and the Misses Robinson and Miller of the Agency School. The numbers 1886—1911 were much in evidence and appeared to good advantage.

Refreshments were served by the ladies and the luncheon was a grand example and exhibition of their abilities in culinary arts.

The rest of the evening was spent in card playing and other amusements. Besides honoring Fr. Bernard the guests certainly thoroughly enjoyed themselves and so it was a most complete and satisfactory affair all around. All very heartily regretted that Fr. Bernard's Superior, Rt. Rev. Abbot Frowin of Conception, Mo. could not be present.

Mr. Jacob Strassmaier, who is a brother of Fr. Bernard, came from Eugene City, Oregon, to attend the jubilee. On Tuesday June 27th they both departed for his western home, where Fr. Bernard will spend a few weeks of a well earned vacation, and visit his aged father, whom he has not seen since the latter's arrival in this country four (4) years ago.

IKCEWICAŠTA ECEN ŠINASAPA WICORAN ECONPI KIN.

(Catholic Indian Missions.)

Rev. Father Ketcham Ikcewicašt. Šinasapa tawicoran awanyake kin omaka 1910 ohnayan wayuotanin, qa owicoran wašte wanjigji Tunkanšina tamaka en Dakota šinasapa onpi kin on woyaka. Tunkanšina tamaka kin en Ikcewicašta (300,000) kektopawinge opawinge yamni onpi, qa de etanhan (61,456) kektopawinge wikcemna šakpe sanpa kektopawinge wanji sanpa opawinge tom sanpa wikcemna zaptan sanpa šakpe šinasapa Wocekiye opapi, qa onma kin hena apa Protestant hecapi, qa apa is takuna opapi šni.

Šinasapa Wocekiye kin yewicasipi 137 Ikcewicašta ecen kagapi qa ecen šinasapa wicašta wakan 164 onpi, qa wicanagi awanyakapi, qa tipiwakan 249 yuhapi. Wayawa oti tanka 55, qa tiyatanhan wayawapi 8 henakeca yuhapi. Brothers sunkawicayapi 72, qa winyan wakan 373 henakeca wayawa ti kin en wonspekiyapi. Mission school en Dakota šiceca (5000) kektopawinge zaptan iye owicakiyapi qa wonspewicakiyapi. Qa Tunkanšina wonspe ecen Dakota šiceca šinasapa opapi kin (6000) kektopawinge šakpe onpi qa apa šinasapa wanyake šni onpi. Omaka kin econhan tankapi kin (760) opawinge šakowin sam wikcemna šakpe, qa šiceca kin 3,136 kektopawinge yamni sanpa opawinge wanji sanpa wikcemna yamni sanpa šakpe denakeca miniawicakaštanpi.

Dehantu kin Ikcewicašta ateyapi kin Valentine woope kage qa tunkanšina wonspe en šiceca šinasapa opa onpi kin hena iye wocekiye tawapi en token okihi škanpi kta iyowinwicakiye, hecen de wašte itokam taku wocekiye keš owasin en opewicakiya-

pi ecee tuka he wanna erpeyapi. Protestant obepi kin iyokipipi šni, wicoran owasin iyakiyecen ecawicakiconpi tuka.

Hecen dehan wayawa šinasapa opapi kin detanhan Protestants omniciye opapi kte šni, qa Protestants wowahokonkiye naronpi kte šni.

Nakun de isanpa Father Ketcham tunkanšinanapi en rtanipi kin, qa wakiconza opapi kin owasin ociwašteya qa tanyan okiyapi; tuka iyotan Tunkanšinanapi Taft wašagwicaye kta wacinwicakiyuza keya.

TONA ST. JOSEPH QA ST. MARY OKODAKICIYE OPAPI KINHAN TAKU AWACIN UNPI KTA.

Ocanku marpiya iyahdeya kin maya, inyan oju qa omani šica, qa tonana ohnataka wowiyuškin oihanke wanica iyahde. Qa hen oihanke wanin woozikiye unyuhapi kta. Maka akan unnišikapi waniyazankapi, qa nicakijapi, tuka Jesus taku eye cin kiksuyapo. "Tona onšikapi kin hena wicayawaštepi kta ee, marpiya wokiconze kin he tawapi ece." "Tona ceyapi kin hena wicayawaštepi, hena wicakihnap kta." "Tuwe tokeca ohinni tanyan cantewašteya nicipuze šni, is magiyenyanpi, ainianpi kinhan de kiksuyapo.

Tohan ainianpi qa šicaya nicuwapi kinhan wiyuškinpi qa nina cantewašte po! Marpiya ekta nicanptapi kta. Taku šica on itkom taku šica econpi šni po, tuka itkopatanhan wayawaštepo! De wonspe kin Jesus oiye qa oranye cin on onspeunki-yapi, qa tohan maka kin de akan ni unyakonpi kinhan de onspeunki-yapi kta; heon etanhan wicašta qa winyan waštepi okodakiciye ičicagapi qa maka akan Jesus wonspe wan unkahipi kin onspeiçiciyapi; heon etanhan tona okodakiciye de en opapi kin tiwahe wanjipidan iyecen qa takukiciyapi rce cin iyecen wašteki-cidapi kta, qa onšikicidapi kta.

St. Peter taku eye cin anagoptan po! "Owasin cante wanjidan hduwitaya onšikicida po, hunkawanjikiciyapi kin iyecen wašteki-cidapo, waonsidapo qa wacantkiya po!" Owasin ecen ecanonpi kinhan okodakiciye kin iyopte kta qa ecen ecanonpi šni kinhan, kun hde kta qa sanpa wanišakapi kte šni. Omniciye ca witaya yaupi kin token nitan-

canpi qa ninagipi tanyan on kta qa token maka akan tanyan yaonpi qa winoni onman kin ekta nakun tanyan yaonpi kte cin hena iwoyahdakapi kta. Qa wowaonsida ayeciyuhapi qa wahokon-yeciciyapi kta, oyeciyapi kta, hecen witaya dapi kinhan taku wanji onspe wacannipi kta. Tokeca maka akan waon he? Maka akan waon kin he Wakantan-ka sdonwaye kte, wašewadake kta, anawagoptan kta; hecen wiconi unman kin ekta kici iyuškin-yan waon kta; he tokaheya onnispepi kte cin ee. Ho hecen tokaheya Wakantanka sdonyapi, tawacin, tawokonze, qa Catholic Church taku onspewicakiye cin hena onspeniçiciyapi kta. Taku ota onnispepi kta iyecece cin ota nahanrei sdonyayapi šni. Wita-ya dapi kinhan yecigepi kte šni, aiyeçiyapi kte šni, tuwe tokeca oran odakapi kte šni, is tuwena canze yeciyapi kte šni; witaya dapi kinhan canzeyeciyapi kta on dapi šni. Hehan inayajinpi qa taku wašte ecanonpi keya woyahdakapi kte šni, qa he kaken šicaya econ ehapi kte šni, tuka witaya dapi kinhan taku wanji onspe wacannipi kta. De kiksuyapo! omniciye en dapi kinhan hecen on dapi do. Wicaceji on St. Peter heya; "Tuwe wiconi waštedake qa anpetu wašte wanyaka cin kinhan, iye ceji kin taku šica en yeye kte šni, qa iha kin wohdaye takudan ie kte šni."

Wacintankapi kin he wojupisu pa rinca, tuka waskuyeca skuya icarya ecee.

Wicašta witkotkoka cante kin i kin en yanke, tuka wicašta ksapa i kin he cante kin ekta yanke.

Tuwe cinca waonspekiye šni kin he wanmaonpi onspekiya.

TEHIYA KTE,

Wheeler. Wis. Aug. 3, Edward McMurchie kte, pejiyuhinta. Unkan ordateya hinrpaya qa šunkakan nape, qa maza yuhinte pestona kin on wašteyena yupota qa yazan on ta.

IŠTINMA MANI.

New York Aug. 3.—Hokšina wan Jno McClean ecisyapi, waniyetu 13 oštinma mani qa ojan-janhdepi wan etanhan iyaya, qa he wankan tipi išakpe etanhan kun hiyu, sihaiyutapi 100 wankantuya, onkini ni kta.